## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

TIMOTHY R.J.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action 3:22-cv-216 Magistrate Judge Chelsey M. Vascura

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

## **ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, requesting an award to Plaintiff of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$6,093.05. (ECF No. 15.) The Commissioner does not object to the award. (ECF No. 17.) For good cause shown, Plaintiff's Motion (ECF No. 15) is **GRANTED**. It is therefore **ORDERED** that:

- 1. Plaintiff is **AWARDED** attorneys' fees in the amount of \$6,093.05, no expenses, and no costs;
- 2. Counsel for the parties shall verify whether Plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt to the United States that is subject to offset, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 597–98 (2010). If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and counsel; and
- 3. The case remains terminated on the docket of the Court.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Chelsey M. Vascura

CHELSEY M. VASCURA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE